

## REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary respectfully reports that during the year ending Nov. 30, 1877, forty-three members and seventy-one correspondents were elected.

Eighteen members resigned, as follows: C. H. Howell, F. W. J. Wylie, De Forrest Willard, E. K. Tryon, Jr., J. J. Sinnickson, C. P. Sinnickson, T. Sinnickson, Jr., John Thompson, Christian Febiger, G. A. Nicholls, B. A. Lewis, H. H. Smith, James Tyson, B. B. Comegys, J. E. Mears, J. W. Leeds, and W. H. Castle.

The deaths of twelve members and seven correspondents were announced. They have been duly recorded in the published proceedings.

Twenty-nine papers have been presented for publication, as follows: E. Goldsmith 3, Rev. H. C. McCook 2, John A. Ryder 2, D. S. Jordan 2, D. S. Jordan and C. H. Gilbert 1, D. S. Jordan and A. W. Brayton 1, Jacob Ennis 1, Jas. Lewis 1, E. D. Cope 1, T. A. Conrad 1, H. W. Henshaw 1, M. C. Cooke 1, Isaac Burk 1, A. W. Vodges 1, Geo. Hay 1, Wm. F. Bundy 1, Theo. Gill and J. F. Bransford 1, W. H. Dall 1, H. C. Yarrow 1, Burt G. Wilder 1, J. A. Allen 1, Theo. D. Rand 1, John Ford 1, and Wm. G. Mazyck 1. Twenty-eight of these have been printed in the Proceedings, and one remains to be reported on.

One hundred and seventy-six pages of the Proceedings for 1876, and two hundred and eighty pages for 1877 have been issued, the former being illustrated by eleven plain, and the latter by one plain and one colored lithograph.

There were but two meetings during the year at which verbal communications were not made. The speakers were Messrs. Leidy, McCook, Meehan, Koenig, Cope, Blake, Goldsmith, Willcox, Vaux, Frazer, Young, Coates, Martindale, Footc, Hawkins, Chapman, Leconte, Cross, Morris, Redfield, Haldeman, Chatard, Ashburner, Rothrock, Brown, Lawrence Smith, Dougherty, Hunt, Rand, Ford, Chase, Peale, Ennis, McQuillen, Ryder, Thomas, A. H. Smith, Trotter, Reed, Jeanes, Lewis, and others. The more important of these communications have been reported for the Proceedings and published.

Art. VIII., Chapter I., of the By-laws was amended by the ad-

dition of the words, "Provided that no Professor or Assistant Professor in the Academy shall occupy the position of Councillor—those who are ex-officio members of Council excepted."

Twenty-nine complete sets of Mr. Isaac Lea's valuable publications on Conchology and Geology, and about 332 surplus volumes of his "Observations on the Genus *Unio*," have been presented to the Society by the author. Mr. Charles F. Parker has carefully arranged the loose sheets and plates of which this valuable gift was composed into volumes, and they have been added to the list of publications offered for sale by the Academy.

Dr. J. G. Hunt having resigned from the Council in consequence of his election to the position of Professor of Histology and Microscopic Technology, Mr. S. Fisher Corlies was elected to fill the vacancy on May 29.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD J. NOLAN.

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#### REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary makes the following report of the business of his office during the past year, ending Nov. 30, 1877.

Letters of transmission from other societies or bodies . . . . .	56
Letters of acknowledgment . . . . .	61
Miscellaneous correspondence . . . . .	21
Acknowledgments from correspondents . . . . .	20
Letters written by order of the Academy . . . . .	4
Correspondents notified of their election . . . . .	77
Acknowledgments for donations to Museum . . . . .	218

In addition to the above mentioned, numerous letters of a trivial nature have been received and answered, containing inquiries concerning admission to the museum, others offering valueless curiosities for sale at immense prices, and so on. These have not been brought before the Academy for obvious reasons. There have also been received a number of pamphlets and volumes from correspondents, all of which have been placed in the library.

The following letters have been received acknowledging the receipt of Journal and Proceedings.

- Jan. 2. Cincinnati Society of Nat. Hist.  
 Museum of Comp. Zoology, Cambridge, Mass.  
 American Antiquarian Society, New York.